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SERIAL NO: 09/634,833  
FILED: August 4, 2000  
FOR: COLLECTION AND STACKING OF LUMBER PIECES FROM  
THE GROUND

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Action dated November 29, 2001.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 25 stand of record in the case.

Claims 1 to 25 are subject to election requirement.

Please enter new claims pages 26 to 33.

Explanation of Amendments in the Claims:

1.(amended) Apparatus for collecting elongate pieces comprising;

a frame arranged for attachment to a vehicle for moving in a direction of working movement across the ground between stacks on the ground of the elongate pieces to be collected;

a picking assembly on the frame for lifting the elongate pieces from the ground;

a transport conveyer on the frame having a forward end for receiving the elongate pieces from the picking assembly and arranged to transport the elongate pieces rearwardly from the picking assembly;

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